

Architects prepare restoration plan for exterior of historic Chapel Hall

Chapel Hall, the building that symbolizes Gallaudet University for many people, is on its way to getting a much-needed facelift.

Harry Weese and Associates, a Chicago-based architectural firm, has been charged with designing the restoration work for the exterior of the 120-year-old structure.

"The building is very badly deteriorating," said John Dunn, project supervisor with the University's Department of Design and Construction Services. He said that Chapel Hall's tower is the

area showing the worst signs of wear, and damage from moisture has surfaced along the foundation.

Planning for the project "can't be just a snap decision," said Dunn. He explained that because Chapel Hall is registered as a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service, restoration plans have to be approved by the National Capital Parks and Planning Historic Commission, the Council on Historic Preservation, and the State Historic Preservation Office of Washington, D.C.

"Our goal is to use natural sandstone, if we can find it," said Dunn. Finding a source for natural sandstone could be difficult—it may even have to be exported from Germany, he said. Several types of man-made material resembling sandstone have been investigated, and "some of it looks pretty good," said Dunn. Cost, however, is a problem with the artificial stone, he said, because each block has to be handmade, making it more expensive than the natural material.

Depending on the cost, the entire project, which encompasses about 2,000 square feet, at this time, could take up to three years to complete. The first area of the building to be renovated will be the south face, then the north face. The east and west sides are not part of the project because they abut other structures, Dunn noted.

The architect's plans should be in the University's hands by the end of next month, Dunn said. "Then we'll probably go for a second opinion, then we'll start looking at bids." It will probably be next spring before renovation begins, he said.

Dunn said that he did not want to make an estimate of the cost of the project until factors such as the cost of materials are known.

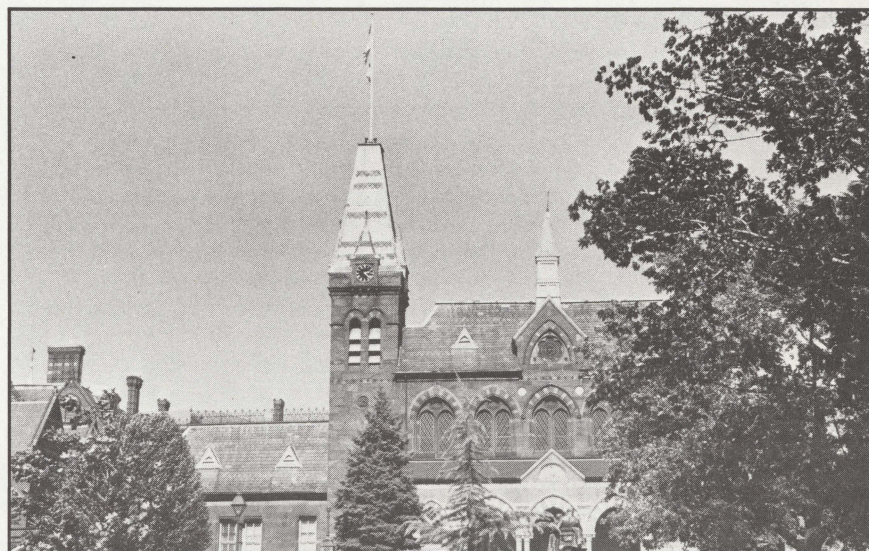
Driver registration changes this fall

This fall, members of the Gallaudet community who drive to Kendall Green or Northwest Campus will need to go to the Department of Safety and Security (DOSS) in person to register their vehicles for 1991. The deadline for drivers from both campuses is Oct. 1, according to DOSS Director Herbert Emerson.

The reason for the change this year, said Emerson, is "because of zone changes and to update our computer system." The zone changes, on Kendall Green, will change the parking system to three zones instead of the present six. There will be no zoning changes at Northwest Campus.

At Kendall Green, University faculty and staff will be zoned under one area, Pre-College faculty and staff in a second area, and students—both dormitory and commuting—in a third. Emerson said that University employees who work in a Pre-College area, or vice versa, will park in areas corresponding to their work places.

For more information, call DOSS at x5445.



Major restoration to Chapel Hall's exterior are expected to begin next spring. About 2,000 square feet of the 120-year-old structure will be replaced. The project may take up to three years to complete.

Gallaudet co-hosts 17th International Congress on Education of the Deaf

More than 1,900 deaf and hearing people who are involved in educating deaf students gathered at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, N.Y., for the 17th International Congress on Education of the Deaf (ICED) held July 29 through Aug. 3.

The congress, which is held every five years, was co-hosted by Gallaudet University, the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), and the Rochester School for the Deaf (RSD). This was the first congress held in the United States since 1963.

The co-chairmen for the event, Dr. Doin Hicks, special assistant to President I. King Jordan, and Dr. Ross Stuckless, director of NTID's Office for Integrative Research, spent about two years planning and organizing the conference. Hicks described the program as "a fairly substantial undertaking" and said that its size and scope made it comparable to The Deaf Way Conference and Festival held in Washington, D.C., last summer.

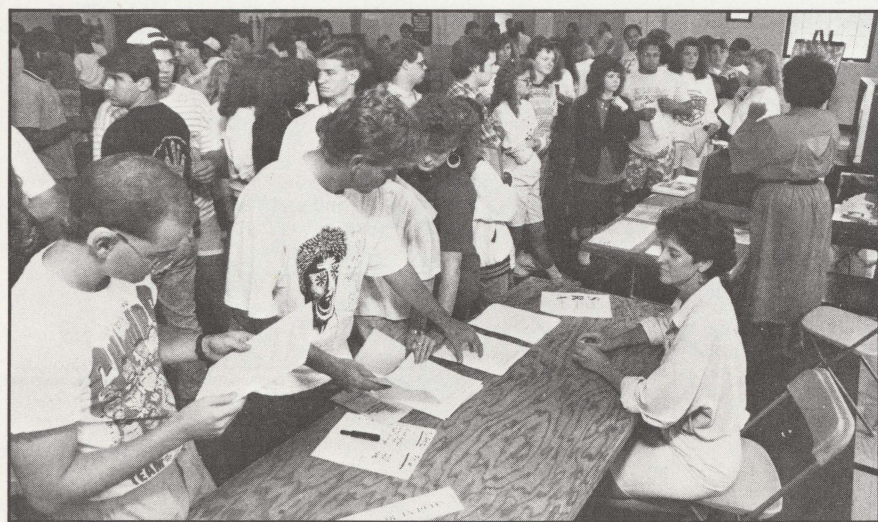
The congress attracted people from 70 different countries and boasted the largest-ever participation from developing nations such as Ghana, Malaysia, and India as well as from Latin American countries including Argentina, Mexico, and Peru. More than 80 interpreters were on site throughout the conference to interpret programs into American Sign Language, English, Japanese, and Spanish—the congress' four official languages. Additionally, participants could follow the presentations by reading the real-time captions displayed on large television screens, and some hearing-aid users used the induction loop systems to enhance their hearing.

Throughout the five-day conference, participants addressed 12 main topics through about 450 papers in some 106 plenary and concurrent sessions. These topics ranged from audiology to technological innovations in computers and assistive devices to college and continuing education for deaf and hard of hearing people.

Among the many participants at the congress affiliated with Gallaudet were two who left the University not long ago. Dr. Mervin Garretson, formerly a special assistant to the president and now interim executive director of the National Association of the Deaf, gave a presentation on "Deaf Adults in Society," and Dr. Robert Davila, formerly vice president for Pre-College Programs and now assistant secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services in the U.S. Department of Education, was the guest speaker for the gala dinner on the last night of the congress.

The toast for this dinner was delivered by Gallaudet University President I. King Jordan. In his toast, Jordan spoke of the importance of natural sign languages. "These are living languages, constantly growing and changing, and as rich and as full as spoken languages," he said. "It is time for us now to declare that these natural sign languages are the key to ensuring full human rights for deaf citizens and the opportunity to lead intellectually robust lives."

Jordan also compared the congress with the 1880 meeting of educators of deaf people in Milan, Italy, at which hearing educators influenced deaf education for the next hundred years. He said that historians may well look back on this congress as a "critical turning point [in the education of deaf people]."



During New Student Orientation week at Northwest Campus Aug. 19-25, some of the approximately 250 new students enrolled at the school attend an information fair in the school's gym to learn about programs and facilities on campus.



Students in the New Signers Program, an annual program that acclimates new students to the Gallaudet Community, work on building teamwork skills in a Discovery exercise.

You and Your Job

Retirement

Regular status employees who are considering retirement in the near future are advised by the University's Personnel Office that it is an important event that takes careful planning.

Anyone planning to retire should contact Personnel's benefits specialist at least one year ahead of time for a pre-retirement counseling session.

During this session, employees need to do the following:

- Be sure that Personnel can verify service dates for all federal employment. Gallaudet does not receive records from other federal agencies, so it is up to the individual to provide records of other employment.
- Provide documentation of military service from a DD214. If the DD214 has been misplaced, the benefits specialist can provide a form to request a replacement.
- Verify that they meet the requirements for retirement on the proposed retirement date. The requirements are: age 55 with 30 years of service, age 60 with 20 years of service, or age 62 with 5 years of service. Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS) employees have the option of a reduced annuity at age 55 with 10 years of service.
- Make sure that health and life insurance coverages and documentation

are correct.

- Check to see that no documentation is missing from their personnel folder.
- Request estimated annuity computations.

If applicable, prospective retirees should ask for advice on how to make deposits for Post-56 military service, service for which no retirement deductions were withheld (extended temporary service), and previous service for which retirement deduction refunds were received.

In addition, six months before retirement, employees should clear up any financial indebtedness to Gallaudet, and ask the benefits specialist how military retirement pay, if it is being received, will affect annuity.

Four months before retirement, employees should contact the benefits specialist and obtain all necessary retirement forms, complete the retirement application and related forms, submit all forms to the benefits specialist, and notify their supervisor of their retirement date.

At retirement, ID cards and keys to Gallaudet property must be turned in. Individuals with questions can call Elaine Vance, benefits specialist, at x5111.

Among Ourselves

Gallaudet University seniors Christopher Shea, Emily Alexander, and Holly Elkins won the 2nd Biennial College Academic Bowl held July 25 as part of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., with a score of 160. Each winner received \$100, and the team received a silver trophy that is now on display at the Admissions Office, HMB, Room 152, and will remain there until the next NAD convention in 1992. Astrid Goodstein, executive director of the Office of Enrollment Services, was the head of the Gallaudet delegation and the Gallaudet representative on the NAD Academic Bowl Committee. James Tucker, director of the Admissions Office, coached the team.

Correction

Frances Parsons was incorrectly identified in both the Aug. 13 and 20 issues of *On the Green*. Her correct title is associate professor and coordinator of international history collections at the Gallaudet University Library.

Announcements

St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home, 4901 Eastern Ave., Hyattsville, Md., is seeking donated items for its various programs, which include a new nursery for cocaine and HIV-affected infants. Baby clothes for infants and children through age 10, children's shoes of any size, car seats, strollers, cribs, beds, and toys are particularly needed. Small boxes of donated items can be left with Barbara White, Social Work Program, West Office Building, Room C-2.

Computer Services will host a broadcast of "Computer Graphics," an Institute of Electric and Electronic Engineers videoconference, on Oct. 3 from noon to 3 p.m. in "Ole Jim." The conference will cover the rapid development of computer graphics to display information and reports, printing graphics, and future trends. Faculty, staff, and students who are interested in attend-

ing are asked to contact Sue Kearney, User Services, x5273, or E-mail SMKEARNEY, to reserve a copy of the conference notes. Interpreter support will be provided on request.

Crime report

The following criminal activities at Gallaudet from Aug. 6 to 21 were reported by the Department of Safety and Security (DOSS). Crimes such as minor vandalisms, simple assaults, and petty thefts occurring in predominantly student areas have been omitted. No suspects were identified unless otherwise noted.

- 8/6—Keys were stolen from an office at MSSD.
- 8/13—An unspecified amount of money was stolen in Ely Center; a Super Printer and assorted office equipment were taken from an office in Ely Center.

Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED ADS are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail VWALTER. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. Ads received from Sept. 4-7 will appear in the Sept. 17 issue.

FOR SALE: New Pine Factory sofa, rarely used, \$195; Schwinn ladies bike, new, rarely used, \$100. Call 604-5846 (TDD) to leave message.

WANTED: Responsible, compatible male/female to share large house w/large yard and garden, fully furnished inc. avail. BR w/double bed and dressers, easy, comfortable home, must love pets and kids, need your own transportation, avail. Sept. 1, \$400/mo. plus 1/2 util. Call Beth, x4043, or 942-5068 (V/TDD).

WANTED: Nonsmoking professional or mature female to rent BR in cozy split foyer house in Clinton, Md., must have your own transportation, no pets, avail. Sept., \$340/mo. inc. util. Call Laura, x5115, or 868-7834 (TDD) eves.

FOR SALE: 2 country style wood bar stools, almost new, \$150/set. Call Laura, x5115, or 868-7834 (TDD) eves.

WANTED: Female nonsmoker to share 2-BR apt. w/1 female; fully furnished, AC, microwave; 10-min. walk to Bethesda Metro; walk to library, stores, and cafes; no pets; 1/2 security deposit plus \$350/mo. inc. util. Call 907-2422 (TDD).

WANTED: Neat, responsible, male/female nonsmokers to share new 4-BR townhouse w/deaf owner in Olney, Md., 2 rooms avail., 3 1/2 baths, W/D, pool, tennis, large modern kitchen, 1 block from Metrobus that goes straight to Silver Spring Metro, good location for Northwest Campus personnel, couples and mature students welcome, \$250-\$350/mo. plus proportional share of util. Call 230-8547 (TDD) M-F, 924-3836 (TDD) eves./weekends.

FOR RENT: Nice, spacious house in Greenbelt, Md., 5 BRs, 3 1/2 baths, W/D, AC, DW, 2-car garage, fireplace, w/w carpet, close to 95 and 295, ideal for family or group to share, security deposit required, avail. Oct. 1, \$1,650/mo. plus util. Call Marybeth, x5315, x5306, or 345-5788 (TDD).

FOR SALE: Portable Citizen FAX machine/copier, slightly used, \$225. Call Chun, x3113 (TDD), or 459-1192 (TDD) eves.

WANTED: Loving, reliable person to babysit one-yr.-old deaf boy, 1-9 p.m., Mon.-Thurs., and 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri. Call x5320.

WANTED: Babysitter needed for 3-mo.-old deaf boy on Kendall Green campus 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Aug. 27-June 14. Call Jen or Wilton, x5413 or x5310.

FOR SALE: New This End Up furniture—computer desk, \$250; computer chair, \$85; small dining room table w/2 chairs, \$250. Call Kelly, x5127, or 671-8355 (V) anytime.

FOR SALE: Pine Factory trundle bed, like-new cond., drawer can be used as second bed or storage, originally \$300, \$150. Call Mary P., x5090.

FOR SALE: Weider 460 RM rowing machine, never used, still in factory-sealed carton, paid \$160, \$95. Call Dotti, x5400.

FOR SALE: 1-yr.-old BR wall set w/overhead lights, mirror, pillow and blanket storage, each end has small armoire w/shelves and drawers, streaked walnut finish w/black trim, large enough for king-size bed; Amiga computer w/mouse and disks. Call Charles, 794-8404 (TDD) or E-mail CAGIANSANTI.

FOR SALE: '86 Ford Econoline 150 conversion van w/Redskin colors, 6 cylinder, automatic, AC, 50K mi., exc. cond., passed Md. inspection, \$7,500/BO; '88 Honda Shadow VLX 600 cc motorcycle, wineberry red, liquid-cooled V-twin engine, wide-ratio 4-speed transmission, windshield, engine guard, backrest, cover, 400 mi., exc. cond., \$3,000/BO. Call Theresa, x6444 (TDD), or x6445 (V) 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun.-Thurs.

FOR RENT: Townhouse in Seabrook, Md., 10 mi. from Kendall Green, avail. now, \$980/mo. Call Jeff, 794-5758 (TDD).

FOR SALE: Preschool teacher resource books, inc. song, fingerplay, activities, curriculum, and creative classroom guides, rarely used. Call Lynne, x5671.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

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